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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner: Todd D. Ware Group Art Unit: 1615
Applicant: Anand R. BAICHWAL
Serial No.: 09/676,376
Filed: September 29, 2000
For: **SUSTAINED RELEASE MATRIX SYSTEMS FOR HIGHLY SOLUBLE DRUGS**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

December 18, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2003 for three (3) months from September 18, 2003 to December 18, 2003. This petition is being submitted to maintain pendency of this application in order to file a continuation application.

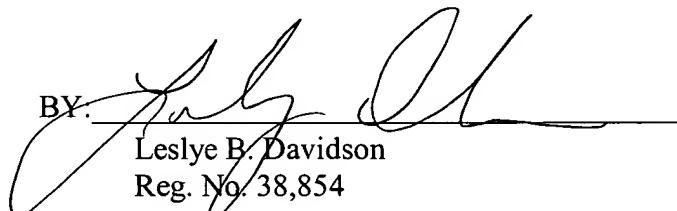
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Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge a fee of \$950.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0552, to cover the three (3) month extension fee. If it is determined that any additional fees are due or if any fees have been overpaid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the deficiency or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Respectfully submitted,
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